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Almighty and Eternal God, we bow in humility before thee. We worship thee in spirit and in truth, our Father - we sing thy praises in hymns, but we realize that without thy presence in our midst, our worship is a hollow noise. Help us, our Father, to be sensitive to thee: help us to see thee in the world of nature: help us to see thee in our neighbor: as we gather here help us to see anew the miracle of thy presence in Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Thou who hast called us to be thy children, hear us now as we ~~pray~~ return unto thee our prayers of Thanksgiving. Let us pray silently.

We thank thee our Father for all thy mercies, all thy goodness: we thank thee for the grace & love that created us and that sustains us daily. We thank thee for the life thou hast given us - and the added dimension to that life, which thou has given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us pray for the Church

O Thou who hast established the Church to be thy servant on earth, and who hast called us to take our place in it, we humbly pray for thy Church throughout the world. As we proceed through this crucial season, we pray for this Church, thanking thee for all those who have gone before us: asking thee to enliven us, giving us a new sense of our mission. Help us all to see, O Lord, the importance of the task that lies ahead. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us pray for others

O Thou who hast taught us that to love thee is to love our fellow men: make us ever aware of the needs of other. Clear away any vestiges of prejudice and hatred, cleanse us of self centeredness and arrogance. Help us to serve thee - by submitting ourselves in service to others. We pray, O Lord, for those who are in special need this hour - the sick, the lonely, the depressed. We pray for those who mourn, For those whose lives seem to have no meaning. We pray for thy children throughout the world.

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All this we pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who taught his disciples to pray, saying

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We lift up our hearts unto thee, our Father, in song and in prayer: we have come here looking for thee, and if not for thee - for something that will undergird us - something to give us strength & comfort & meaning. We have presumed that thou art in this place - and that by coming here we will find thee. Quiet our minds O God, still the vain seeking of our hearts: make us to be still and to know that thou art God: In the silence come to us - Find us: as we search - lift up our seeking and be present among us. As we pray - speak to us. Give us repentant & believing hearts - through J.C. our Lord.

Let us give thanks - let us pray silently: For life and health - For homes & ~~daily~~ daily bread we give thanks, O God. For all the goodness of life - we are truly grateful. Grant us thankful hearts - For these things thou hast given us - and for the great gift of thy love. - through J.C. our Lord

Let us pray for others - silently: We have not always loved our neighbors as our selves, Our Father. We have not cared to discover our neighbor - we have not opened our minds to those about us - and those all over the world who are thy children. - We are sorry, our father. And yet we pray for them - for them we love - and for them we cannot love: for those whose need we know - and for those whose need we have avoided hearing - through J.C. - who knows - and meets our need.

Let us pray for the Church - silently: Through thy church, O God - we have committed our lives - as servants & stewards. Like millions of others we have promised - and failed. And yet we return here - knowing it is thy church - and we are thy people. We pray for the Church - for this congregation - and for the church missional - through it - our Lord - our J.C.

O Eternal & almighty God, we rejoice at this opp. to worship thee. We rejoice that thou hast called us into this Fellowship with thee & with each other. Give us thy guidance & discipline & discipline us: teach us to love: as thou hast loved us: make us Faithful & effective disciples - through J.C. our Lord: who taught us to pray saying